

The relative population of the several States and Territories is very little known. A friend has furnished us with the following list of all those whose population exceeds five hundred.

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| Alabama | 1,246,460 |
| Arkansas | 750,000 |
| California | 1,246,460 |
| Colorado | 1,246,460 |
| Connecticut | 1,246,460 |
| Delaware | 1,246,460 |
| District of Columbia | 1,246,460 |
| Florida | 1,246,460 |
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| Rhode Island | 1,246,460 |
| South Carolina | 1,246,460 |
| South Dakota | 1,246,460 |
| Tennessee | 1,246,460 |
| Texas | 1,246,460 |
| Vermont | 1,246,460 |
| Virginia | 1,246,460 |
| Washington | 1,246,460 |
| West Virginia | 1,246,460 |
| Wisconsin | 1,246,460 |
| Wyoming | 1,246,460 |

There are doubtless some few omissions in the above list, such as Warren, Lexington and probably others, the population of which have not been ascertained. But the above table is substantially correct, and will be of interest.

Abbot's Case.

The Washington correspondent of the *Wilmington Journal*, writing under date of the 15th inst., says:

The Committee on Privileges and Elections has not yet voted upon the case of John J. Abbot, of North Carolina, who claims to be a citizen of the United States.

A minority report will be made by Senator Thurman, signed by himself, Logan and Hill, which, however, will be the majority of the committee, has not been prepared. This case will open up a very lengthy debate in the Senate, perhaps more so than that of the admission of Alabama, which was argued several weeks.

The Abbot case, it is claimed, will present a number of novel, debatable points. There are, however, American cases directly opposite to the pretensions which Abbot sets up. Mr. Thomas, of Maryland, was refused his seat in the Senate for alleged sympathy with the South. His successor, elected by the Legislature, was seated, and not the candidate receiving a majority of the votes.

John Young Brown, of Kentucky, was elected a seat in the House of Representatives for this same cause. His opponent claimed the seat. The matter was thoroughly investigated, and Mr. Brown, of Massachusetts, made a report adverse to the admission of the minority candidate, which was adopted by the House.

In Abbot's case a claim is set up, based on a vote which could have no effect on any legislation. Indeed, with the vote rejected by him, nothing could have been done but a motion to adjourn, which is the only action a member less than a quorum can take in any legislative body.

The Washington *Patriot*, of Tuesday, speaking of Monday's proceedings in the Senate, says:

The credentials of General Ransom as senator from North Carolina, in the place of Governor Vance, were received in the Senate to-day, and referred, at the instance of Mr. Ransom, to the Committee on Elections.

Notwithstanding the statement which has been repeatedly made, there has been no formal agreement of the committee favoring the admission of Abbot. The matter is still in the hands of the Senate.

The Northern papers, headed by the New York *Herald*, are with a few exceptions, working themselves into a fury of excitement about the position just taken by the English government with regard to the Washington treaty. After investigating the subject and sifting it from all the clank and bombast under which gassy congressmen and editors have almost smothered it, the conclusion to which any honest man will come, is that England has perfectly just cause for her course of action.

Even Ben Butler, who has been so bitterly hostile to England, and who would have precipitated the country into a war with her on the Fisheries question, says openly that "we presented a case we had agreed not to present," and that "the terms and implications of the treaty are, that only specific and specific damages can be considered."

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LOCAL.

WILMINGTON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—An adjourned meeting of the Stockholders of this Company was held last evening in the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. T. B. Carr in the Chair. The Secretary reported that one hundred and eighty-two shares were represented in person, and three hundred and eleven by proxy.

The President, Col. Atkinson, read the annual report of the President and Directors, showing a very favorable condition of the Company. An increase of the capital stock of the Company was recommended in this report, whereupon the following resolution was adopted by a stock vote:

Resolved, That the cash capital of this Company should be increased, and that for this purpose the Directors are instructed (if in their discretion it may be deemed advisable) to make an assessment of thirty per cent. on the notes of stockholders held by the Company, with a view to secure the payment of the unpaid 80 per cent. of the capital stock; *Provided*, however, that no action under this resolution be taken until the Directors shall be thoroughly satisfied of their power to make such assessment without violating the provisions of the charter of the Company.

The following Directors were then elected: J. W. Atkinson, C. M. Steadman, T. H. McKoy, J. B. Grainger, F. W. Kern, R. H. Cowan, H. B. Ellis, A. A. Willard, W. A. Cunningham, G. W. Williams, A. J. Delrossi, E. F. Murray, Robert Henning, Alex. Sprunt and P. Murphy. New Hanover: T. D. Williams and J. C. McKee. Cumberland: B. B. Kelly, Duplin, and J. T. Pope, Robeson.

The meeting then adjourned. The newly elected Directors will meet at the office of the company, for organization, this evening.

WILMINGTON N. C. LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Wilmington North Carolina Life Insurance Company, held on Friday evening, Col. Robert H. Cowan was elected President of the Company, vice Col. John W. Atkinson, late incumbent, who declined a re-election. An election for Secretary was not held then but the office will be filled in a short time. Mr. S. D. Wallace, for some time past filling that office, has resigned it to assume the position of Cashier of the Bank of New Hanover, but will perform the duties of the office until his successor is appointed.

The Company are fortunate, we think, in securing the services of so energetic and thorough a man of business as is Col. Cowan.

The retiring President, Col. Atkinson, has labored very zealously in his behalf during the time that he has held the office and now that a press of other business has compelled him to resign it he will leave his affairs in the best of hands.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING.—About 4 o'clock yesterday morning fire and smoke were discovered issuing from the store on the corner of Market and North Water streets, occupied by Mr. B. Lehman as a clothing establishment. The alarm was soon given, and the firemen were quickly on the spot. The doors were burst open and the store found to be filled with smoke, although there was but very little fire visible. The opening of the doors and windows, however, caused a draught, and the cooling of the place was soon in a light blaze. About this time the engines began to throw water and the flames were quickly suppressed.

The stock in the store is all ruined, and will probably be appraised and sold, for account of whom it may concern.

It was insured for \$50,000, as follows: Ethna, of Hartford, L. H. & T. V. Deltos, Agents; \$20,000; Imperial, of London, J. A. Byrne, Agent; \$20,000; and Liverpool & London & Globe, Thos. Green, Agents; \$10,000.

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery. It broke out among a pile of goods, on shelves near the fire place, burning there a window near at hand and the ceiling overhead, and badly scorched every part of the store. Mr. Lehman says that there was but very little fire left in the place, when he closed for the night, although the flames may have originated in this way. All is, however, but speculation.

INK SPOTS.—Punch calls the rainbow Noah's Arc. A poor spirit is poorer than a poor purse. A bad sign is sign another man's name to a nose.

Tomson is writing a poem on the Prince of Wales' illness.

An Ohio mother feared and feathered her daughter.

When is a clock on the stairs dangerous? When it runs down.

When you pay a visit be sure and take a receipt for it.

Pillows, though not belonging to the human species, come under the head of animal beings.

Morphine should never be taken to induce sleep. An overdose is too apt to bring on an overdose.

A locomotive consumes, on the average, forty-five gallons of water for every mile it runs.

Artemus Ward once said: "The other night some silver-voiced young man came under my window, and sang, 'Come where my love lies dreaming.' I didn't go! I didn't think it would be correct."

Cape Fear Agricultural Association.—WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 9.

The following names were accidentally omitted from the list of the Executive Committee which were announced a few days since:

Col. John D. Taylor, Brunswick.

W. H. Bernard, Esq., Wilmington.

Major J. C. Winder, Associate and Advisory Members.

There are also two names from the county of Edgecombe that have not yet accepted, that will be announced as soon as heard from.

Papers publishing the former list will please copy.

S. L. FREMONT, President.

Prof. W. J. Palmer is to revisit our State in the course of a few weeks.

Game is very plentiful at Ocracoke and in the southwestern part of Pamlico Sound.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Another Nevada stage was highwaymaned yesterday.

OMAHA, Feb. 10.—Six Western bound trains have arrived at Omaha's Station and have been on the road twenty-two days from Omaha. The passengers were in excellent mood. They had an indignation meeting. The snow closed in behind the passing trains.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The Investigative Committee has adjourned to Washington.

A Herald special from Quebec says that the report of the treaty separation between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain is unimpaired.

LOUISIANA.—NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.

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THE OLD STORY.

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And the angels and the shadows are asking me why?

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A Traveler's Story.

"Is this seat engaged, sir?"

I glanced up from the paper I was reading and met the smiling regard of a genial-looking gentleman in the prime of life.

"It is not, sir."

"With your permission, then," as he seated himself beside me.

The train had already started, and presently the conductor made his appearance collecting the tickets. Reaching us, he detached the appropriate coupons from our tickets, handing back the remainder with the usual "checks."

"Pardon me," said my companion, "but I perceive you place your ticket in your wallet."

"Yes."

"It is unwise, unsafe."

"Why do you consider it so?" I inquired, with curiosity, returning the wallet to my pocket.

"Suppose through carelessness, or we may say accident, your wallet is lost—your money may be picked, for instance."

"Your money and ticket are both gone. Probably you do not appreciate the manifold beauties of such a position. I do not think it possible except by experience."

"It would certainly be an undesirable situation. I can see that clearly enough. Pardon the question naturally suggested—were you ever so placed?"

"Once only."

"How is that?"

"You wish to profit by my experience? Well, I don't know that I mind telling you the story. It may serve to amuse you, if nothing more."

It occurred a number of years ago, and of no consequence. I had taken the early morning train, and being somewhat tired, and altogether sleepy, had stretched myself upon a seat for as comfortable a nap as circumstances would permit. I slept soundly, for I could not sleep well without an umbrella, and did not carry one.

Until the conductor came for my ticket. The essential piece of pastebord could not be found. I was positive I had purchased a ticket; I remembered distinctly having shown it to the baggage clerk at the time of checking my trunk.

The conductor grew impatient, passed to the other end of the car and returned to me. I had made the discovery that my pocket-book had been picked, and in proof of my story showed him my baggage check.

It was useless. If you have travelled much you are aware that a virtuous conductor takes no man's word; in fact, all men have designs upon the company's dividend except himself. It was perfectly natural, therefore, that the faithful steward in question should say:

"The check is all right; but how do I know that it belongs to you? I will take the money for your fare and the train and put you off, just as you choose."

What could I do? Protestations amounted to nothing, and my fellow-passengers, by the usual tendency of humanity to "ramble upon a fallen man," showed curiosity by their looks and expressions they thought of a sneaking rogue, who would steal a passage if he could. They paid money, but I should not. I pay money, but I would never see heaven if judgment was rendered by a jury—except themselves.

My search for the lost ticket had brought me to the end of the line, and I was obliged to al

it only shows how bitterly the Sen-
prejudiced against our people. Such
may gratify partisan hatred, and
some Radical to sit a few months

sufferers. We sincerely hope that business men will appreciate the importance of this matter and their responsibility in regard to its ultimate success.

feelings of individual jealousies. The ballot-box is not the proper arbiter of such disputes.

name of C. M. Douglas, of Winnsboro',
C., dropped dead on Sunday morning 1
Just a minute or so before his death,
was engaged in a lively conversation with
fellow student.

he expresses the hope that a long and prosperous career may await each of you, and that you may reap the rewards to which your merits so well entitle you.

And now, Senators, our public labors

J. A. HYMAN'S TESTIMONY.
A. I did borrow \$1,000 from Mr. Swee-

Dayton, Ohio, is again mystified about its "sleeping beauty," who, as fat and a dead-looking as ever, has now commenced her annual somnolent humbuggery.

cheerful, home-like home, as much unlike a boarding-house as possible, we would invite those people to call at our house and see what arrangement we could make. Address 'Barkis,' *Herald* office."

